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In re Application of:

Elmer, et al.

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Houston, Texas

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Before Examination of the above referenced Application, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows. Marked-up version of the amended paragraph is attached in APPENDIX A: "SPECIFICATION MARKED-UP TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 8-10 with the following replacement paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U. S. Provisional Application No. 60/215,795, filed July 5, 2000. Such benefit is provided under 37 CFR § 1.78 (a)(4) and 35 USC § 120.

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